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It is needless to say to those who have taken the trouble to acquaint themselves with the facts, that Judge Dole has no wish to retire from the Federal bench and no expectation of doing so; that Governor Frear has no thought of resigning and that the absence of Kubio from Congress at this time of the session, having happened twice before, may be accounted for without disturbing the political calculations of people at home.

COMPLETELY VINDICATED.

The Legislature has established a sensible precedent in connection with the criticism that was directed against the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry. The so-called "charges" against Superintendent Hosmer and Dr. Norgaard were found, on investigation, to be so childish that they did not warrant consideration at the hands of the special committee appointed by the President of the Senate. In the course of its report the committee lays down the dictum that persons wishing to accuse any official of malfeasance should present their case in regular form to the Legislature, and not address letters to individual members of the Legislature, with vague intimations and suggestions of criminality that, even if justified, might fail of receiving proper consideration by reason of the inadequate way of submitting them.

If the charges against Superintendent Hosmer and Dr. Norgaard were as represented there would have been ground for proceedings against those two officials. The only result, however, of the committee's investigation is to show that the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry has been more than ordinarily careful in adhering to the rules of the department.

THE LATE SENATOR STEWART.

The late William M. Stewart was a western type though a New Yorker by birth—one of the men of large brain, a taste for adventure, a perennial optimism and a fine bulldog courage, who built up the institutions of the Pacific slope. The writer of this topic recalls him in his old age—a white-haired man, resembling in the nobility of his face, the notable stature of his frame and an aspect of authority, one of the idealized pictures of Moses as painted by an Italian master. He used to visit San Francisco often during the heyday of silver politics and speak in the white courtyard of the Palace Hotel; and anyone who ever saw him there will have no trouble in recalling him as a fine figure of the patriarchal statesman. Nor did he lose in dignity as he sat by in some quiet corner and told the stories of a stirring past.

Mr. Stewart had been a pioneer, a gold hunter, an Indian fighter, a frontier lawyer, a politician, a man of affairs and a national character. One can read of him in Mark Twain's "Roughing It," and as may be seen in his lately-published reminiscences, he was a bit sensitive about the picture Mark printed of him with a big patch tied over a recently-blackened eye. But, after all, black eyes were in the day's work on the Comstock; and Stewart took as well as gave his share of blows of all kinds.

The Nevada Senator was often rich and at one period of affluence he built the Stewart Castle at Washington. A few years ago his fortunes were at a low ebb, but, though over seventy, he went back to the mines, and made money. Intermittently he was a corporation lawyer. He was in the United States Senate from 1863 to 1875, and again from 1887 to 1905. His conversion to the gold standard finally cost him his seat in the upper house.

Senator Stewart had many titles to honor. One was that he had the friendship and confidence of Abraham Lincoln.

HAWAII AND DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE.

Like every other discerning man who comes here, Mr. Fairbanks remarks the need of diversified industries. He sees as clearly as a statesman should that Hawaii cannot live by sugar alone; and that, if it is to be independent and American, it must adopt the homestead principle and expand it. Sugar may not always pay Hawaii. Some day this group may be menaced with the economic fate of Jamaica, which cane-growing island, a century ago, was the greatest dividend-making agricultural property on earth; and if so, it will be wise to have enough other agricultural resources in hand to save the situation.

There is—thanks to the industry and optimism of a few men and to an agitation which the Advertiser inspired and practically carried on alone for years—good grounds for thinking that the one crop era of Hawaii has gone forever. Pineapples are making their way. They may have their downs as well as their ups as sugar did in the earliest days of the industry here, but they have won the name of being the best pines in the world; and apart from the growing demand of the mainland for them is the prospect that Europe will finally prove to be a good market for such superior fruit.

Coffee is also a standard crop and if economic protection cannot be had for it, the fragrant berry has the way opened to build up commercially on its reputation. Those who grow it on a large scale in Hawaii say that it pays; and it ought to pay better when it becomes better known.

Sisal is another crop that promises a fair living; honey is making extraordinary profits; and the fact that Hawaii can produce certain fruits and vegetables weeks and even months before the coast can supply them to its own people, is a commercial fact, the importance of which is barely recognized here.

To the natural question, why is nothing adequate done to realize on all these opportunities, there is but one true answer: Our land laws are built to serve feudal conditions; and it is impossible to survey and open up all the arable public lands and put them on the market in fee simple for what they are worth. When we get laws of that character, Hawaii will progress as it never did in all its history; and the laws will come in time.

THE COMMERCIAL ORIENT.

Oriental commerce amounts in value to more than 4000 million dollars per annum.

This statement is the result of calculations recently made by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It classifies as "oriental commerce" the imports and exports of all countries having a population wholly or chiefly oriental in habits of life, whether through nativity, descent, or other influences which determine the customs of the people. The area occupied by people of oriental habit of life as to dress, food, household requirements, methods of transportation, etc., stretches, therefore, from Japan and Asiatic Russia at the northeast to Morocco in North Africa at the southwest, and includes Asia, Turkey in Europe, and all that part of North Africa occupied chiefly by people of oriental habits, the total number of people within this area being 933 millions, or considerably more than one-half the population of the world.

The imports of this "Commercial Orient," according to the latest figures available to the Bureau of Statistics, amount to 2,150 million dollars, and the exports 2,033 million dollars. Of these imports of 2,150 million dollars, 5 per cent are taken from the United States; of the exports of 2,033 million dollars, 10 per cent are sent to the United States.

India is largest importer and exporter among the thirty countries, colonies, and protectorates included within this section which the bureau of Statistics designates the Commercial Orient; its imports in the latest year for which figures are available, amounting to 443 million dollars, of which 2.4 per cent were taken from the United States; its exports, 563 million dollars, of which 7.8 per cent were sent to the United States. China occupies the next rank as a commercial nation in the area under consideration, its imports amounting to 342 million dollars, of which 8.6 per cent were from the United States; its exports, 211 million dollars, of which 10.1 per cent were sent to the United States. Japan's imports, in the latest available year, were 217 million dollars, of which 17.8 per cent were from the United States and her exports, 188 million dollars, of which 32.3 per cent were sent to the United States. Straits Settlements, of which Singapore is the port and commercial entrepot, shows imports of 199 million dollars of which 1 per cent were from the United States, and exports of 173 millions, of which 9.3 per cent were sent to the United States.

Why provide for both a Territorial and a County department for the same work? Just as soon as it was decided to have County prosecutors, a corresponding reduction in the force of Territorial prosecutors should have been made.—Star.

Possibly the reason why the Territorial prosecutors were retained may be found in the well-recognized fact that they are honest and sober.

ARE HAWAIIAN PINES TOO HIGHLY PRICED?

Grocery World, Philadelphia—Much interest has been attracted by the campaign to popularize Hawaiian pineapple. As is generally known, a group of the leading packers some time ago combined to advertise it in the American magazines, and this has been done for several months. The campaign has been effective to some extent, but has been handicapped by the high price of the article. A good grade of Hawaiian pineapple costs the retailer \$2.25 per dozen, which makes it a quarter seller. Singapore pineapple costs about half that much and is a 15-cent seller. There is unquestionably a great difference in quality, enough to justify much if not all the difference in price; nevertheless, it is hard to understand why the Hawaiian packers should have to charge so much more for their pineapple than the Singapore packers do. Both are tropical countries and both doubtless use cheap tropical labor. Moreover, the Singapore pineapple pays a duty, while the Hawaiian pineapple pays none, and the freight on the latter is probably less than that on the former. Altogether it looks as if the Hawaiian packers should be able to sell their product in this country for less than the Singapore, and if they would they would doubtless sell a great deal more of it. THE JOBBER.

FAIRBANKS

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sugar business. Diversified industries are wanted in Hawaii, it seems to me, and the quick growth of the pineapple industry illustrates that others will thrive.

"I expect to make the trip around the world, but I have no fixed program. I am traveling in the manner in which I can get the most enjoyment out of the trip. I have no especial aim, being on pleasure bent more than anything else, but I am studying the countries and their industrial and commercial problems as I pass through."

Mr. Fairbanks was much interested in the trips which have been arranged for him on the other islands. One of these is to Haleakala on Maui, and he was curious to know whether or not this was the "live" volcano. "When told that it was not, he exclaimed: 'Oh, well, it must be this other one with the unpronounceable name,'" pointing to Kilauea on his itinerary. Mr. Fairbanks will not leave for Maui until the latter part of next week, but it is possible that he will make a flying trip to Kauai in the meantime. While not definitely settled, it is probable that he will be given an automobile ride around Oahu, starting this morning and returning this evening. Lunch will be served at the Haleiwa Hotel.

Last night Governor and Mrs. Frear gave a dinner at Aradina in honor of their guests, and at nine o'clock a party of invited people of this city were received.

During next week several dinners and affairs have been arranged in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks and their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Timmons. Among others, Judge and Mrs. Ballou will give a dinner in their honor.

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